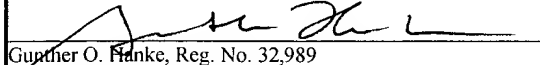
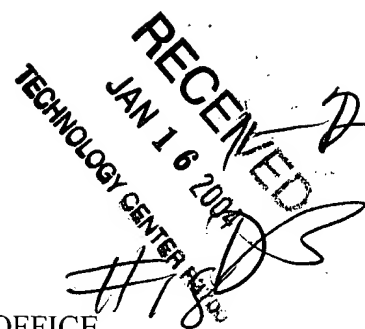
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Applicants respectfully request a three month extension for filing a reply in the above-identified application. An Amendment and the required fee, \$950.00 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), are submitted herewith.

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